

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2004-297-S

Midlands Utility, Inc. ("Midlands") has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for sewerage service provided to its customers in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield and Orangeburg Counties, SC. This application is made pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Sec 58-5-240 (Supp. 2003) and the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

The Company has requested an increase in its rates and charges due to increased operating expenses, and anticipates additional increased expenses resulting from Midlands' need for capital improvements and related environmental requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Midlands is applying for approval of a two step schedule of rates and charges to be implemented in two stages. The Application states that the first increase required will raise rates to pay for new costs created by construction necessary for capital improvements. A second increase in rates will be required upon completion of all construction.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2005** before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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